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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

Joel L. Wittenberg

Application No.: 10/682,514

Filed: October 8, 2003

For: **NETWORK ELEMENT HAVING A  
REDIRECT SERVER**

Examiner: Brian T. O'Connor

Art Unit: 2619

Confirmation No.: 2947

**Proposed Agenda for Interview**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2008, applicant has scheduled an interview with Examiner Brian T. O'Connor at 1pm EST on May 19, 2008. Please consider the following proposed agenda.

**Proposed Agenda**

At this time, applicant is not proposing any amendments to the claims. Applicant believes there is some confusion as to the arguments in this case and proposes discussing the arguments telephonically for a clearer understanding of the positions held by the applicant and the examiner, respectively.

### Summary of applicant's argument

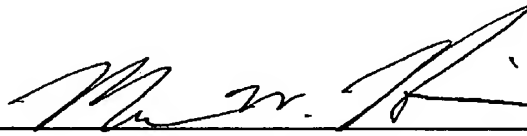
Applicant believes there is some confusion with the arguments applicant presented in the last Office Action response. Specifically, applicant's argument is that the "in a single network element" limitation recited in applicant's independent claims requires that the receiving, examining, forwarding and redirecting each be performed within a single physical network element such as a bridge, switch, router, or other such devices as are known in the art. The rejection in the Office Action focused on the "remote client" limitation and argues that the plain meaning of the term "remote client" indicates that the remote client is not within the network element. However, this is not what applicant is arguing. Applicant notes that the term "remote client" indicates that the remote client is located outside the single network element. Applicant's argument is not that the "remote client" is within the same network element, but rather that each of the receiving, examining, forwarding and redirecting are performed within the same network element.

The cited reference, Watanabe, includes two separate network elements to provide the functionality recited in applicant's independent claims. That is, the Watanabe reference teaches two network elements to provide the receiving, examining, forwarding, and redirecting limitations recited in applicant's claims. As discussed in the Office Action, the "administration center" (Figure 8) receives the packets and examines a

set of rules (12 of Figure 8) to determine if the packet will be redirected to another network system's address, and then, if necessary, forwards the packet to the "transmit-packet processing unit" (41 of Figure 8) which redirects and forwards the packets to the remote client. It is clear, then, that two network elements in Watanabe perform the functionality recited in applicant's claims. For example, with reference to Watanabe's figure 1, the "administration center" (1 of Figure 1) and the "transmit-packet transfer processing unit" (41 of Figure's 1 and 8) are separated by an "external network" (2 of Figure 1), and must be, therefore, located within separate physical boxes.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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